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TAGS: OVIP, UR, IR

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA RETURNS FROM VISIT TO  
SOVIET UNION

REF: TEHRAN 5539

1. PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA AND PARTY RETURNED TO TEHRAN AUGUST 12 FROM WHAT APPEARS TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT FROM IRANIAN POINT OF VIEW. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR MAJOR IRANIAN THEME THAT LITTORAL STATES MUST SOLVE PROBLEMS IN PERSIAN GULF AREA WHILE IRAN PLEDGED PERHAPS STRONGER THAN EXPECTED SUPPORT FOR SOVIET SPONSORED COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR ASIA. TWO PARTIES

ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR (A) MIDDLEEAST SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF NOVEMBER 1967 UN RESOLUTION; (B) THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR; (C) GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, COVERING BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS (COMMENT: SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN MOSCOW SPEECH HOVEYDA ASSERTED THAT IRAN WOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE FORCES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COMPLETE AND GENERALDISARMAMENT BECOMES A REALITY. END COMMENT); AND (D) IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES, THE INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL  
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AFFAIRS AND RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OR THREAT OF FORCE.

2. PERHAPS BASIC REASON FOR PERVASIVE AIR OF OFFICIAL IRANIAN SATISFACTION OVER HOVEYDA VISIT WAS BEST STATED IN ARTICLE WRITTEN FROM MOSCOW BY AMIR TAHERI, LEADING IRANIAN POLITICAL COMMENTATOR. TAHERI REMARKS ON LARGE NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THIS PART OF WORLD WHICH MIGHT NORMALLY HAVE PUT STRAIN ON IRANIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE NOTES THAT A DECADE AGO THESE PRESSURES WOULD HAVE HAD A VOLCANIC EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. TODAY, HOWEVER, PRESSURES ARE TAKEN IN STRIDEN RUSSIANS HAVE RE-APPRAISED THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS IRAN AND TREAT IT ON A NEW FOOTING AS A VERY STRONG COUNTRY WITH GOOD ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND A HEALTHY POLITICAL SYSTEM. THIS ECHOES GENERAL THEME ENUNCIATED BY SHAH DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, NAMELY, THAT IRAN IS A STRONG, VITAL AND INDEPENDENT NATION WHOSE POLICIES SHOULD BE NO MORE SUBJECT TO QUESTIONING THAN THOSE OF ANY MAJOR POWER. THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCORDED IRAN THE DEFERENCE IT HAS EARNED IN THE WORLD AND TAHERI, UNDOUBTEDLY ECHOING A GOI THEME, SEEMS TO BE SAYING THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD BE DOING THE SAME.

3. WE SHALL SUBMIT FURTHERREPORT ON HOVEYDA VISIT AFTER FORTHCOMING TALK WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD MIRFENDERESKI WHO ACCOMPANIED HOVEYDA ON VISIT TO SOVIET UNION.  
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